NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
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People

WEEKLY STAFF NEWSLETTER
October 3, 1997

All Staff and Volunteers Invited!

Education Department Activities

In the Dust of Kilimanjaro
by David Western
Director of Kenya Wildlife Service
Sunday, October 5, 1:00 p.m.
In Montgomery Ward Hall

Marking the 50th anniversary of Kenya's National Parks and the publication of his book, *In the Dust of Kilimanjaro,* Western will reflect upon the vision that planted Kenya on the path to conservation some fifty years ago and discuss the principles that will guide Kenya conservation into the 21st century. It is the story of wildlife in Africa with a strong and timely message about sustainable development and the co-existence between humans and animals. Light refreshments will be served. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing after the lecture. Call x854 for more information or to receive your ticket.

Archaeopteryx:
The Bird That Rocked The World
October 3, Friday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

An exhibit fact sheet will be available. All are invited; please check with your supervisor. Questions? Cal **Mia** (x513).

What: An impact meeting for ***Assignment: Rescue, Varian Fry and the Emergency Rescue Committee***

When: Tuesday, October 7, 1997, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Education Classroom 3

Come see a short video and presentation about this exhibition, which will be presented at The Field Museum from April 24 through August 30, 1998. The exhibit is organized by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC. -- Submitted by **Sophia Shaw**

Latest Dino News . . .

Staff and volunteers are invited to hear the latest dino news as paleontologists from the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology present a day-long lecture series on Saturday, October 11. Morning lectures are geared more towards children and include Dan Chure of Dinosaur National Monument at 10:00 a.m. with *Alice in Dinosaurland* and Stuart Sumida, who works with Walt Disney Feature Animation at 11:00 a.m.

discussing *Building the Perfect Beast: How Science and Art Blend to Create Animated Characters.* Afternoon lectures are more advanced. Scott Sampson, Canadian dinosaur paleontologist, will present, "Drifting Continents and Globe-Trotting Dinosaurs" at 1:00 p.m. Author of the companion book to the A & E series, *Dinosaur!,* David Norman speaks on *Dinosaur Research: Science and Murder Most Foul!* at 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with Archaeopteryx two lectures will be held on Saturday, October 18. Timothy Rowe will discuss and sign copies of his just-published book (with co-author Lowell Dingus), *The Mistaken Extinction: Dinosaur Evolution and the Origin of Birds* at 11:00 a.m. He will explain why most researchers believe that birds and other dinosaurs come from the same ancient ancestor. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. The Archaeopteryx expert who is bringing the fossil to The Field Museum, Peter Wellnhofer, will speak at 2:00 p.m. From the Bavarian State Museum of Paleontology and Historical Geology in Munich, Germany Wellnhofer will discuss *Archaeopteryx: The Bird that Rocked the World* covering the individual specimens of Archaeopteryx as well as making connections to the meaning of this fossil with regard to the origin and early evolution of birds.

Join visiting Maya hieroglyph scholars, Kathryn Josserand and Nick Hopkins for the introductory lecture, *Dynasty and Descent: Cities of the Western Maya Lowlands* on Friday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m. As the opening to their weekend-long workshop on Maya hieroglyphic writing at Piedras Negras, they will focus their lecture on the history of the Usumacinta River basin. Staff and volunteer special rates are available for the entire weekend. If you are interested in just attending the Friday evening lecture, you may do that at no charge.

Staff and volunteers are invited to attend these lectures at no charge; please call **Sandra Blake** (x854) to request a ticket.

Welcome and Congratulations!

I am pleased to announce that on September 22, **Julie Coulter Thomas** joined the Museum as Director of Exhibits. Julie left a successful architectural practice that included work with museums to join the Field. She brings background and experience in architectural design, project management, interior architecture, and graphic design to her new role.

In addition, **Rich Faron** has been promoted to Associate Director, Exhibits and **Carrie Hageman** to Associate Director for Special Exhibits.

Please join me in welcoming Julie and in congratulating Rich and Carrie on their promotions.

Laura Gates,
Vice President, Museum Affairs

Wednesday, October 8, 1997
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Computer Services will be ***testing a new configuration of the Museum's e-mail services.*** We don't expect any problems, but if you should have any, please notify **Jim Koeppl** (x590). Thank you.

FIELD MUSEUM
Education Department

Who's Who in the Education Department
October 1997

Director of Education and Outreach: Mary Ellen Munley, x246
Administration: Clara Aytch-Baker, x247
Assistant: Johanna Krynytzky, x739

OUTREACH DIVISION: Services for organized education groups, community groups, and educators
Division Head: Phil Hanson, x439
Division Secretary: Kathleen Tully, x351

School Booking Office: Books non-fee based programs and lunches, schedules volunteers to lead programs in Museum public places during public hours
Booking Coordinator: Lynnetta Brown, x852
Direct Outside Line: 312.322.8852
Resource Coordinator: Bob Cantu, x353

Coordinator of Teacher Programs: Pamela Wrenn, x365

Harris Loan Center: Provides exhibits, activity boxes, and materials for educators
Coordinator: Dan Brinkmeier, x361
Registrar: Moses Rasberry, x352, or x853
Direct Outside Line: 312.322.8853
Preparator: Mark Kennedy, x652
Preparator: Wang-fai Wong, x652

Community Outreach: Works with Chicago community organizations, Chicago Park District, and operates Parent Involvement Project
Coordinator: Jessie Thymes, x363
Program Assistant: Erelah Ajao-Spears, x478

Subject Matter Specialists: Liaisons with Museum scientist, exhibit developers, outside specialists, and Education Department Staff
Anthropology: Maureen Ransom, x659
Biology: John Wagner, x395
Geology: Peter Laraba, x587

Adult, Family, and Children's Programs Division: Operates fee-based programs for adults, families, and children
Division Head: Kristie Webber, x364
Division Secretary and Program Registrations: Sandra Blake, x854
Direct Outside Line: 312.322.8854

Manager, Adult Programs: Stephen Bell, x362
Program Assistant: Beth Adams, x575

Manager, Family and Children's Programs: Joe Byrnes, x855
Direct Outside Line: 312.322.8855
Program Assistant: Beth Crownover, x634

Visitor Programs Division: Coordinates free public programming for general Museum visitors
Division Head: Joyce Matuszewich, x658

Manager of Webber, Rice, and Africa Resource Centers, Place for Wonder, and Hands-On Programs: Mara Cosillo-Starr, x497

Education Volunteer Manager: Mary Ann Bloom, x350

Program Developer for Visitor Programs: Rosaura Boone, x288

Manager of Hall Interpreter Programs: Kathleen Weibel, x649

Special Projects:

Early Childhood Learning Project: Connie Sulkin, x740

Audience Research Initiative: Deborah Perry, x740

Millenium Project Education Programs Coordinator: Robin Wagner, x245

Life Underground Education Programs Coordinator: Gina Polito, x619

Living Together Program Manager: Maureen Ransom, x659
Living Together Special Projects/Philippine Festival Coordinator: Alexia Trzyna, x549

Interns:
Antioch College Intern: Ethan Fleischer, through 12/19/97, x361
Living Together Intern: Akiko Takeda, x659

Department Fax Number: 312.922.6483

THE FIELD MUSEUM INVITES

All Employees To The

SAFETY/SECURITY FAIR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1997

10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

In

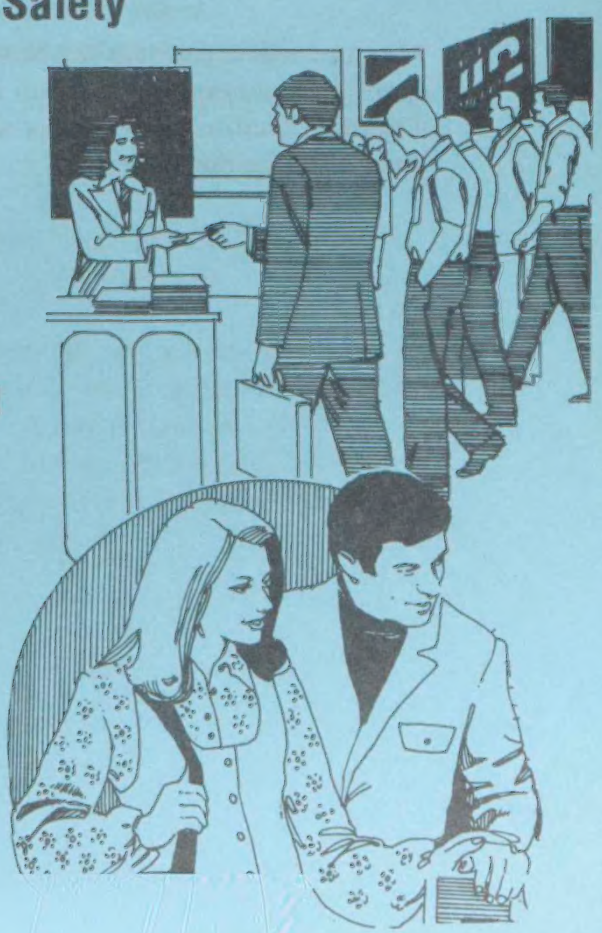
LECTURE HALL 1 & 2

Guest Speaker

J.J. BITTENBINDER

"Street Smarts" Personal Safety

Lecture Hall 1



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Lecture Hall 1

"Ergonomics, Hazardous Material"

- **FREE! Blood Pressure and Diabetes Testing**
- **Flu Shots $10.00**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Hand-Outs**
- **Also Mayor's Office., C.P.D., Sheriff Dept., Education Dept., Security Dept., Safety Committee, Car Safety.**

Safety Consultant Visit and Training Sessions

In conjunction with our Security and Safety Fair several additional programs and activities will take place during the week.

On Tuesday, October 7, as part of the day's activities, several presentations will take place in Lecture Hall 1. These include presentations by Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., our insurance carrier, the Security Department, and our featured speaker, Detective J.J. Bittenbinder of the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department. Detective Bittenbinder will present two programs on personal safety - one at 12:00 noon and one at 1:00 p.m. He will also be available to answer questions.

On Wednesday, October 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monona Rossol, our Museum Safety Consultant, will conduct Hazard Communication Training programs for all staff who have not yet been to one of her sessions.

Monona will meet with the Safety Committee on Monday, October 6, as well as with specific departments, and will be conducting safety inspections on Monday and on Tuesday, October 7. Monona will also be stopping in at the Security and Safety Fair to answer questions.

Who's Who in the Education Department?

The Field Museum's Education Department handles a myriad of programming for various audiences, and handle quite a number of calls coming in with just as many questions. With just a list of names and numbers, it's hard to figure out who to contact for what! It takes time out of our busy schedules to try to route calls to the appropriate contact. To help alleviate the confusion, we have put together a list of staff members, according to Division/ Project, so that everyone has a better idea of who's in charge of what program. Please refer to this list--we're hoping it makes life easier for all staff, visitors, and ourselves. Thanks!

Submitted by **Johanna Krynytzky**

Facility Planning and Operations
We Work Better Together

The Facility Planning and Operations will be replacing carpet throughout the ground floor in various locations during the months of October, November and December. The contractor will be working after the Museum closes. This is a part of the floor care and maintenance program for the building. If you have any concerns regarding the date, time and location of this work, you may consult the bulletin board in the Facility Planning and Operations Office where this information will be posted, or you may call **Ernst** (x228) for more information. Thank you.

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon.

Welcome!

Please join me in welcoming two people to the Human Resources Department. **Carole Kasarda** is the new Benefits Coordinator and will be responsible for the Museum employee benefits program. Carole comes to the Museum with a Master of Science in Human Resources and Industrial Relations from Loyola University. She has an extensive background in Employee Benefits and has worked for The American Hospital Association for the past four years. Carole is located in Jennifer Noe's old office, and can be reached at ext. 529. **Joanna Surveyor** is the new Human Resources assistant. Joanna recently relocated from Phoenix in July where she worked for the American Lung Association of Arizona. Joanna can be found in the Human Resources office and can be reached at ext 356 or ext. 743. Welcome Carole and Joanna!

Marilyn Martinson
Director, Human Resources

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

PLANNING TO APPLY FOR NSF FUNDING?

The National Science Foundation has released a new *Grant Proposal Guide* (NSF 98-2). This document is essential for anyone intending to approach NSF for funding. Please contact **Sophie Twichell** (x877) for a copy.

NEW STAFF MEMBER IN ANTHROPOLOGY

The anthropology department is pleased to welcome **Jason DeBoer** (x444) as departmental secretary.

NOON BALLOON

The Noon Balloon presentation for Tuesday September 30, 1997 was delivered by **Richard Lupia,** Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Geology, Field Museum. Rick discussed patterns of the Cretaceous radiation of angiosperms. He noted major latitudinal patterns that apply on a global basis and then focused on smaller spatial patterns that also document a rapid diversification of angiosperms in the late Cretaceous. Rick described a number of problems inherent in attempts to analyze diversity based on pollen analyses, such as biases due to differential preservation, dispersal, grain size, and identification. He augmented analyses focused on changes in relative species diversity through time to document discrete northern and southern floral elements for North America. His recent work based on the Allon fossils in clay beds of an old flood plain pond of Georgia compared macro-fossils (leaves), meso-fossils (flowers), and micro-fossils (pollen) not only from the perspective of relative species diversity, but also compared species abundances.

Thank you!

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the Museum staff who worked so diligently on Thursday, September 25 to ensure the success of the behind-the-scenes tour and reception hosted by **John** and **Judy McCarter.**

Hats off to Public Services and Security who enabled 120 guests and donors to arrive and park at the Museum, even with the Rolling Stones performing at Soldier Field.

Also, special thanks to the presenters who opened their offices and explained their research and programs -- **Rudiger Bieler, Lance Grande, Tom Lammers, Petra Sierwald, Bill Stanley, Meenakshi Wadhwa, Alaka Wali,** and **Ben Williams.**

Additional thanks to those from Academic Affairs who organized and helped guide the visitors through the scientific areas and to the Development staff for guiding the guests to the Library, the starting point for the evening. And of course we had terrific assistance from Audio-Visual, Engineering, Housekeeping, Facilities Planning & Operations, Print Shop, Shipping and Visitor Services.

Margaret Ketcham gave invaluable assistance to this project, as she has on so many events at the Museum.

Thank you all for making this evening so enjoyable for our guests under the challenging conditions of competition across McFetridge.

Patti Stratton